

REMARKS

On entry of this response, claim 4 and 6 are amended. Support for the amendment can be found, for example, in the original claims. No new matter is introduced.

Now pending in the instant application are claims 1-24, of which claims 9-24 were withdrawn in response to the Examiner restriction requirement. Amongst remaining claims 1-8, claim 1 is independent. Applicants respectfully submit that the pending claims define over the prior art of record.

I. Patentable Subject Matter

Claims 1-3, 5, 7 and 8 are allowed. See the Office Action Summary page. Applicants thank the Examiner for passing the claims to allowance.

II. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

Claims 4 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as being indefinite as failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. See Office Action, page 2. In the foregoing amendment, claims 4 and 6 are amended as suggested by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the rejection of claims 4 and 6 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

III. Conclusion

In light of the above arguments, Applicants respectfully submit that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Should the Examiner feel that a teleconference would

expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the Applicants' attorney at (617) 227-7400.

Please charge any shortage or credit any overpayment of fees to our Deposit Account No. 12-0080, under Order No. HSE-058US. In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith, and the requisite petition does not accompany this response, the undersigned hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fee due is authorized to be charged to the aforementioned Deposit Account.

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